

My name is Lance Corporal Timothy J. Ham. I am an active duty Marine currently serving in Iraq.

I am aware that Low Power FM stations are threatening FM translator service. This is a threat to my local translator of the Air 1 Radio Network - 90.1 KLRD Yucaipa.

I arrived to Camp Pendleton last December and picked up the Air 1 network upon my arrival. It is a station that has uplifted me and helped me to cope with life in general. I have had a lot of stress to deal with...staying away from home all the time as well as other issues.

Taking this away from communities across America is not in our best interest. There are a lot of people who need and like good Christian music stations and programming similar to that offered on Air 1. In fact, I'll go a step further: I have not found many stations that fill the niche like Air 1.

Many people have been sustained and uplifted by the music and programming offered on this radio network. Listeners send in responses during their pledge drives held twice a year. If you listen to the testimonies people make, you will know how appreciated this network is to us and our daily lives.

The network also staffs a prayer team dedicated to handling prayer requests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are here not only as a radio network, but as a ministry to the country. The promotion of this ministry would greatly be diminished if its translators were to be shut down.

I need this radio network. We as a country need this radio network. Please; do not take it away from us.

Your acceptance of our comments is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for listening to my concern on this issue.

Sincerely,

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